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TITLE OF THE INVENTION~~IMAGE FORMING SYSTEM AND DEVICE USED WITH THE SAME~~

LICENSING SYSTEM FOR USE WITH IMAGE FORMING DEVICES

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTIONField of the Invention

10 The present invention relates to an image forming system comprising, for example, a document server, clients, and image forming devices, and to devices used with the image forming system.

Description of the Related Art

15 Conventionally, users have performed image forming by selecting a desired printer from a computer and causing the selected printer to print a certain job via an general-purpose interface such as a LAN or an interface using dedicated hardware.

20 Also, a system called server-client, wherein jobs of client users are sent to printers via a document server, is also widely known.

25 Further, in recent years, cases wherein image forming devices print great numbers of jobs from a computer in a light-printing market called print-on-demand are increasing, so means for printing great numbers of jobs as efficiently as possible are in demand.